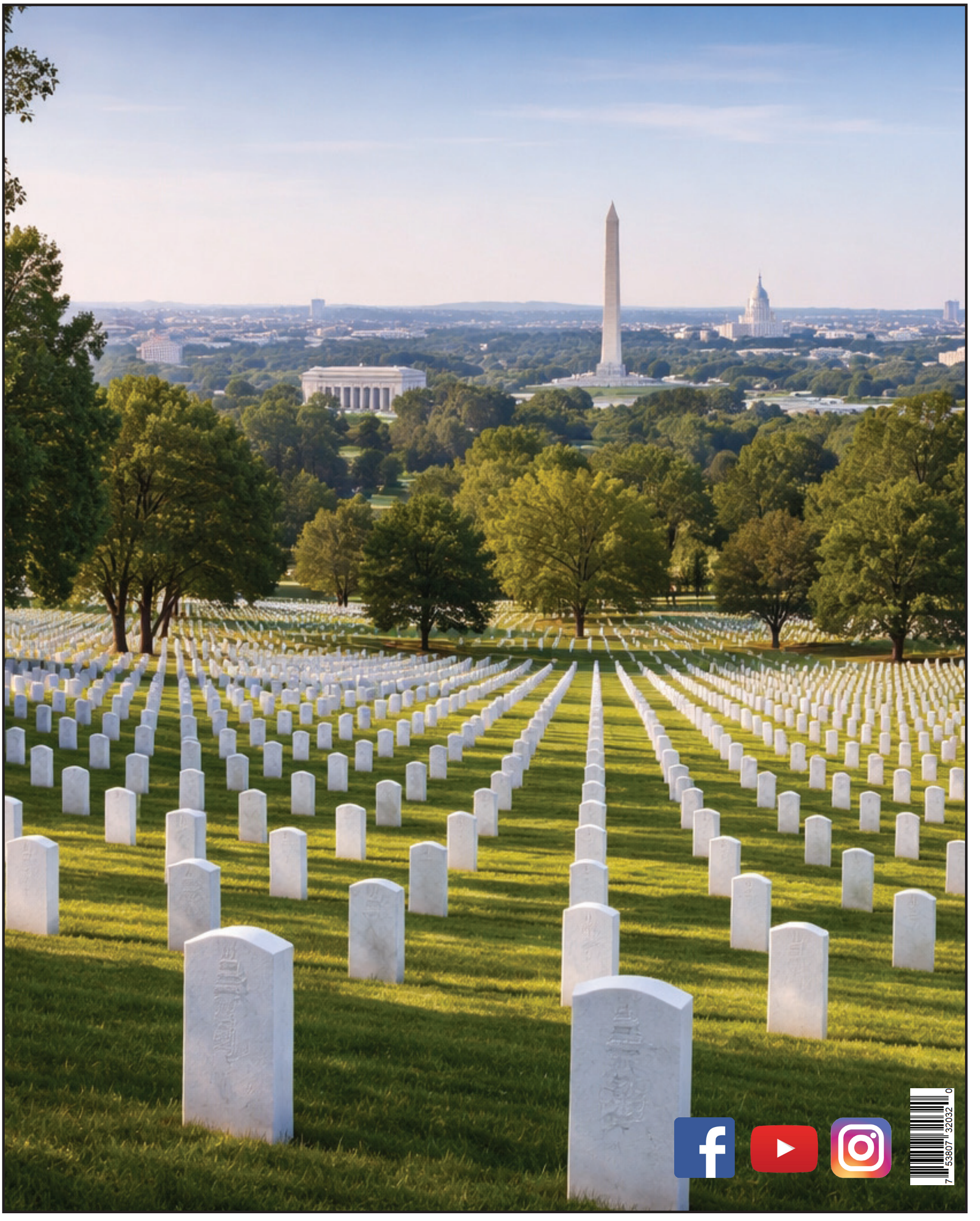
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Ms. Avery Pearl
Pet Columnist

Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

Colorful Leaves

Have you guys looked around outside? The leaves have changed colors! They are yellow, red, orange. Some are even brown and crunchy.

I'm thinking this is starting to be a pattern.

You see, every year around this time, the day light seems to be a lot shorter and the weather is much cooler. No one is swimming in the lake anymore, either. What's up with that?

Is it just a coincidence that all of this happens the same time of year that the colors change on the leaves. Just like it did last year, and the year before... Hmm. I wonder if that has anything to do with it?

Mimi calls this time of the year, fall. Is that because the leaves are falling from the tree's?

I know one thing for sure. It sure is pretty. Ms Ivory and me just wuff playing in the pretty leaves and laying in the sun. So much so, I could take a nap and not even worry about the squirrels, playing in the yard.

For more of my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



— In Loving Memory —

Martin Luther Newberry Jr., 89
United States Army Veteran



Martin Luther Newberry Jr., lovingly known as M.L., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away on October 31, 2026, at the age of 89.

M.L. proudly served his country in the United States Army, a commitment he carried with honor throughout his life. Above all else, he was a devoted family man who found his greatest joy in the love of his family. He treasured every moment spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, creating memories that will be cherished for generations to come.

M.L. was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 67 years, Peggy Basler Newberry; his daughter, Lisa Ann Newberry Brewer; his parents, Martin Luther Newberry Sr. and Wissie Ethel (Adams) Newberry; and his siblings, Edna, Bill, Calvin, Raymond, Rena, Bobby, and Geneva Ann.

He is survived by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Debby Newberry of Hixson, Tennessee; his son-in-law, Christopher Brewer of Chattanooga, Tennessee; seven grandchildren, Sarah (Johnathan) Swanson, Grace (Cody) Floyd, Brenda (Kent) Clark, Chris Brewer, Jessica Brewer, Brandon Milsaps, and Chris Milsaps; several great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, friends, and loved ones.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, the love he gave, the lessons he taught, and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His family takes comfort in knowing that his legacy will continue through the generations he loved so dearly.

Special thanks to Amedisys hospice for the care and compassion

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Petros Cemetery (behind COG).

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family
of Martin Luther Newberry, Jr.

Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,

O thou that dwellest in the heavens.



Lynda Jean Wilson, 75



Lynda Jean Wilson, age 75, passed away on October 28, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, compassion, faith, and a lifetime devoted to caring for others.

Born on December 24, 1950, in Norfolk, Virginia, Lynda was the daughter of the late Albert Westley Langley and Anna Rebecca Mole Langley. She was raised in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and later made her home in Deer Lodge, Tennessee, where she became a cherished member of her community.

Lynda dedicated more than 30 years of her life to serving others as a nurse at the Morgan County Corrections Department. Her career reflected the compassion that defined her as a person. She was a woman who was always on the go, always willing to lend a helping hand, and always looking for ways to make a difference in someone else's life. Her kindness and caring spirit touched countless lives throughout her years of service.

Lynda was also one of the founding members of the East Tennessee Gleaners Co-op, joining as its fourth member. Her involvement reflected her generous heart and her desire to help others and serve her community.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. Lynda was a devoted Christian and a member of Meister Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Deer Lodge, Tennessee. Her faith guided her life, strengthened her through difficult times, and shaped the love and compassion she shared with those around her.

Beyond her work and service to others, Lynda found joy in the simple things that made life meaningful. She loved crocheting, sewing, and quilting, creating things with her hands that reflected her patience, creativity, and care. She also held a special place in her heart for her beloved dog, Piper, who brought her companionship and happiness.

Lynda was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Raymond Wilson, whom she met while working as a nurse when he served as a guard at the prison where they both worked. Their paths crossed through their work, beginning a chapter of companionship that became an important part of her life. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Albert Westley Langley and Anna Rebecca Mole Langley.

Her greatest legacy lives on through her family. She is survived by her three children: Adam Ramsey and his wife, Heather Ramsey; Daniel Ramsey and his wife, Bridget Ramsey; and Linda Adelman and her husband, Jeremy Adelman.

She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren: Broderick Ramsey, Kherington Ramsey, Mackenzie Ramsey, Dravin Wilson, Ryan McNamara, and Trinity Alsum, who will carry her memory and the love she gave them throughout their lives.

Lynda will be remembered for her generous heart, unwavering kindness, strong faith, and tireless willingness to help others. She devoted her life to caring for people, whether through her work as a nurse, her service to her community, her church, or the love she shared with her family. She had a way of giving of herself without hesitation, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

Though her family and friends grieve her passing, they can find comfort in the faith she held so dear and in the hope of a joyful reunion one day. The love she gave, the lives she touched, and the memories she created will remain a lasting part of the legacy she leaves behind.

May she rest in the peace of the Lord until the day her loved ones are reunited with her.

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is honored to serve the family
of Lynda Jean Wilson.

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— In Loving Memory —

Benny Lee Stewart
United States Army Veteran



Benny Lee Stewart, passed away October 23, 2026, surrounded by his family. Benny was a United States Army Veteran, serving his country from 1972-1975.

Benny is preceded in death by his son Jason Lee Stewart, father & mother-in-law Eason and Hazel Jones, granny Lizzie Hall, brother Gary Stewart and parents, Jimmy Stewart and Beulah Ashley.

Benny is survived by his wife Juanita.Daughters Tammy and Darren Barnett, Kimberly and Joseph Greenlee. Son Brian and Amber Stewart. His Granddaughters; Courtney and William Huntley, Ali and Chad Miles, Jessica and Harold Huffman, Kristin Barnett and fiancé Jake Cooley, Baylee Stewart & Sernity Stewart. Grandsons; Lukas Stewart and fiancé Tristyn Lindsey, Isaak Stewart and Hunter Lee Stewart. His Great Grandchildren; Emerson & Creed Huffman, Howard & Oliver Huntley, Elijah & Cadence Miles, Amirah Stewart & Linkeln Stewart.

Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews and friends, that knew if Uncle Benny was around, they were going to be entertained.

Brothers; Tim, Mike and Sam.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 7 pm with Bro. John Bonham officiating. Graveside services with full Military Honors provided by the American Legion Post 149 will be Wednesday 11am at Clear Creek Cemetery, Lancing, TN.

Pallbearers: Harold Huffman, William Huntley, Chad Miles, Jake Cooley, Brad Langley and Reagan Williams.

Honorary Pallbearers; Courtney Huntley, Ali Miles, Jessica Huffman, Kristin Barnett, Emerson & Creed Huffman, Howard & Oliver Huntley, Elijah & Cadence Mills.

The family would like to thank Quality Hospice Care for the care and compassion shown during this time.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of Benny Lee Stewart.

Marvin “Joe” Turnbill, 68



It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Marvin (Joe) Turnbill, age 68, who passed away on October 24, 2026, at his home in Oakdale, Tennessee, with his loving wife and son by his side.

Born on March 7, 1958, Joe enjoyed fixing things, working on cars, and reading. He was known for his wonderful sense of humor and the laughter he brought to those around him. He will be remembered for his unique talents, his humor, and the many memories he leaves behind.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother, Trula Rayder, and his siblings Elizabeth Keathley, Carolyn McCormick, Kathy Prater, James Turnbill, Don Turnbill, and Wiley Turnbill.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Turnbill; his son, David Turnbill; his sisters, Mary Lyles of Oakdale and Anita (Robert) Hall of Lancing; his brother, David (Tammy) Turnbill of Harriman; and several nieces and nephews.

Though our hearts are broken, we find comfort in knowing that Joe is now home with our Lord, where there is no more pain or sorrow, only eternal peace. We hold close the promise of Heaven and the hope that one day we will be reunited again. He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and always remembered by all whose lives he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, and we will share details once they are finalized.

Until we meet again in Heaven, may he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of Marvin (Joe) Turnbill.

Philippians 1:21
For to me to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.

Lloyd R. Gilmore Sr.



Mr. Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr. passed away at his home on October 29, 2026.

He is preceded in death by his father Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr.; father-in-law Forrest E. Langley, Jr.; brother-in-law Tim Langley; sister-in-law Donna Lay.

He is survived by his wife Diane Gilmore; son and daughter-in-law Ray and Jennifer Gilmore; granddaughter Dakota Gilmore; sister and brother-in-law Michelle and David Pereira; brother and sisters-in-law Keith and Sharon Cooper, Chris and Lynn Langley, and Jeff and Rhonda Langley; sister-in-law Barbara Murphy; mother Connie Gilmore; mother-in-law Virginia Langley and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family has chosen cremation, no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home
is honored to serve the family of Lloyd R. Gilmore, Sr.



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— In Loving Memory —

Joel “Jody” Lee Griffith, 65



Joel “Jody” Lee Griffith, age 65, passed away, leaving behind a family who loved him dearly and memories that will forever be treasured.

Jody will be remembered by his loved ones as a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Though his time here has come to an end, the love he shared and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents Cassie (Miller) Jones and Lenard (Irene) Griffith; his brothers, Johnny Griffith and Tommy Griffith; and his nephew, Jimmy Hamby.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Karen Griffith, and mother-in-law, Jean Bunch. He is also survived by his sister, Kathy Hamby; his children, Amanda Woodall, Joel “Bub” Griffith, and Dawn Williams; and his nieces and nephews, Davie Hamby, Melissa Branstetter, Joanna Hamby, and Brian Hamby.

He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Anthony Beard, Ciara Vann, Hayden Beard (wife Alexis), and Cody Beard, along with a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

Though words can never fully express the loss of someone so loved, his memory will continue through the family he leaves behind. He may be gone from our sight, but he will never be forgotten.

Forever loved, forever missed, and always remembered.

The family will receive friends Monday, November 9, 2026 at Schubert Funeral Home from 11:00-12:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery in the Gobey Community, with Bro. Tim Hamby officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joel “Jody” Lee Griffith.

Eddie White, 80



Eddie White passed away peacefully at home, on Thursday November 5th, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born on April 9th, 1946, to Jack and Emma Ruth White, in Petros, TN.

He was of the Baptist faith and a member of the Black Diamond Masonic Lodge #625 in Petros. He was a correctional officer at Brushy Mountain State Prison, where he retired after 30 years of service. And avid hunter and outdoors man, he could often be found in the mountains surrounding his home, preferring to live off the land when possible. He was involved in the local dirt track racing community for years and enjoyed watching Nascar. Once his grandchildren were born Eddie’s focus shifted to them and they became his entire world.

He is Preceded in death by parents, Jack and Emma Ruth White.

Survived by brother Condon (Phyllis) White, of Petros. Sons Roger (Pam) White of Oliver Springs and Todd (Tiffany) White of Wartburg. Grandchildren Brandon, Cheyenne, Josh, Gage, Tyson and great-grandson, Elliot. He is also survived by several extended family and friends. The family would like to thank Meagan Adkisson for the amazing care she provided for our father and grandfather.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, November 10th, from 12-2pm at Schubert’s Funeral Home. Funeral procession will leave Schubert’s immediately following the receiving of friends with graveside services being held at the new Petros Cemetery, Cemetery Road (behind the Church of God on Hwy 116).

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eddie White.

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Historically Speaking

How American women won the right to vote: a Tennessee perspective (part one)

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian



Febb Burn, whose letter caused her son to change his mind and support the 19th Amendment



Harry Burn, the 24 year old who followed his mother's advice to "be a good boy" and "vote for suffrage"

The Women's Suffrage Museum in downtown Knoxville is scheduled to open in 2028 or early 2029. Wanda Sobieski, founder of the museum, recently gave a talk to the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge on the history of the suffrage movement and plans for the museum being completed at 706 S. Gay St. According to its flyer, this museum that has more than 1,000 artifacts will tell the story of "one of the longest, most arduous and ultimately most transformative movements in American history" that won the right to vote for 27 million American women citizens in 1920.

Sobieski is also founder of the law firm Sobieski, Messer and Associates and the Suffrage Coalition, which is dedicated to honoring men and women who have worked to win the right to vote for women in Tennessee. Carolyn Krause heard her talk and gives a summary in this three-part series. This article focuses on Harry Burn, and some of the information comes from Wikipedia.

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Many Tennesseans, including schoolchildren, have heard of Harry Burn. Many Knoxville residents have seen the Burn Memorial, erected in 2018 on Market Street near Charles Krutch Park. The memorial depicts young State Representative Harry T. Burn and his mother, Febb Burn. It commemorates the historic moment on Aug. 18, 1920, when 24-year-old Burn, who had opposed women's suffrage, made the risky decision to change his mind. He cast the decisive vote to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution after receiving a letter from his mother encouraging him to "be a good boy" and "vote for suffrage." Because Burn switched his vote, the amendment was finally ratified by the required 36 states, granting 27 million American women citizens the right to vote.

August 18 is now Febb Burn Day in Tennessee, and fifth-grade schoolchildren learn about her and her son, Harry, in their Tennessee history textbooks.

Here is the wording of the 19th amendment: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." These few words caused a firestorm during and after the ratification process.

Ratification of the 19th Amendment "was the single biggest political change ever to happen in our history," said Wanda Sobieski in a talk to the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge. "It was a big deal that we, Tennessee, a southern state, ushered in the right to vote for more than half the citizens of the country. I co-founded the Women's Suffrage Coalition whose purpose was to put a monument in downtown Knoxville to bring attention to the fact that Tennessee has a great history for women's suffrage. We started by erecting in 2006 a Tennessee Woman Suffrage Memorial in Market Square for three Tennessee women suffragists."

Three Tennessee women suffragists. The life-size bronze statue commemorates Lizzie Crozier French, a Knoxville native whose story will be partly told in the third article of this series; Anne Dallas Dudley, a Nashville native who was founder and president of the Nashville Equal Suffrage League, president of the Tennessee Equal Suffrage Association and then vice president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and Elizabeth Avery Meriwether, a Bolivar native who grew up in Memphis and became an author, publisher and one of the earliest public advocates for women's suffrage in the American South. In 1872, she called the first public meeting for suffrage.

"In 2018, we erected the statue of Burn and his mother. We also digitized Harry Burn's papers, including the telegrams he got, some of which were threatening and others that were ugly, while he was considering the vote and while they were trying to get him to reverse his vote. Our coalition raised the money to digitize the papers for the McClellan Collection so that they remain freely available on the worldwide web. During the pandemic, we made a resolution unanimously passed by the Tennessee Legislature to make Aug. 18 Febb Burn Day in Tennessee." Now, the Burn story is taught in fifth grade all across the state.

Story of Harry Burn. Burn was a high school graduate who worked for the Southern Railway while serving in the Tennessee General Assembly as a representative of McMinn County. He explained that while he generally favored the 19th amendment, he sensed that most of his constituents did not. Burn worried that he might not be re-elected if he voted for the amendment. Many of his constituents had told him to oppose it.

His political mentor, a state senator also from Burn's hometown of Niota, delivered a racist, anti-suffrage speech denouncing suffragists as indecent and childless. His mother learned about this speech. Not sure of where her son stood on the suffrage question, Febb wrote him a long letter asking him to vote in favor of the amendment.

Burn received his mother's letter the morning of the crucial Tennessee House's vote on the amendment on August 18, 1920. Lawmakers displayed their allegiance by wearing yellow roses for ratification or red for opposition; Burn wore red. However, he kept his mother's letter containing the command "vote for suffrage" in his coat pocket during the voting session. Burn voted "aye," breaking the tie in favor of ratifying the amendment.

When they heard about Burn's decision, a group of anti-suffragists became enraged. Sobieski said that a riot ensued for a couple of hours. The governor worried about Burn's safety and assigned the sergeant-at-arms to guard him and called in the National Guard to restore order. By that time, Burn had escaped the chamber by climbing out of the window. He walked carefully along a four-inch ledge and then climbed back through a window to the state library's attic where he hid until it was safe to come out, according to Sobieski.

The next day, according to Wikipedia, Burn was accused of bribery and misconduct for his change in vote. "He responded to attacks on his integrity and honor by inserting a personal statement into the House Journal, explaining his decision to cast the vote: Suffrage was a right he felt morally obliged to support, especially as it would 'free seventeen million women from political slavery' and 'he knew that a mother's advice is always safest for a boy to follow, and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification.'

"A grand jury was called to investigate the accusations of bribery. Burn narrowly won reelection to a second term in the House after a grueling campaign back home in McMinn County."

Because Oak Ridge is partly in Roane County, readers may be interested to know that Burn later had Roane County connections. In 1923, Burn was admitted to the Tennessee Bar and practiced law in Rockwood. In 1951, he became president of the First National Bank in Rockwood. He served as a delegate for Roane County to the Tennessee constitutional conventions in 1953, 1959, 1965 and 1971. However, Burn never lived in Roane County; he lived in Niota in neighboring McMinn County.

"Right now, there are politicians and ministers, unfortunately, who are calling for the right to vote to be rescinded from women and to let only men in the country vote once again," Sobieski said. "With that in mind, we decided it was time to take the more than 1,000 artifacts we gathered in the process of our research and the stories we found on what happened in Tennessee and create a lasting museum to hold what we uncovered.

"We thought we had created lasting memorials when we erected monuments to Harry and Febb Burn and the three women suffragists from Tennessee, and I hope we have. But these memorials are just not enough."

Next: A brief history of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. If you wish to make a donation to the Women's Suffrage Museum, write a check to Suffrage Coalition, Inc. and mail it to Suffrage Coalition, Inc. P.O. Box 14322, Knoxville, TN 39714 or direct your donation electronically on the womenssuffragemuseum.org website.

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Thank you, Carolyn, for insight into the movement of women's suffrage.

Galatians Chapter 5



Melvin Howard

Gal. (5:1) A call for steadfastness: The purpose of Jesus' death was that enslaved humanity might be set free.

(Gal. 1:2-12) Apostasy is deadly: If one receives circumcision as a condition of salvation, Christ profits them nothing. Consider this question: what if one does not receive baptism as a condition of salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16)? Where does that leave him? Is it less serious to subtract than to add? The apostle was not discussing the practice of circumcision as an expediency, as in the case of Timothy (Acts 16:3). He was refuting the dogmatic, Judaistic formula: belief plus baptism plus circumcision equals salvation (Acts 15:1).

Next, Paul makes three quick arguments: an if-then consequential argument, a consistency argument, and a condemnation argument. (a) If one accepts circumcision as a matter of salvation, Christ's death profits him nothing. In other words, Jesus is out of the equation. One would be saved by a Mosaic ritual independent of the Lord's sacrificial death. (b) If one submits to circumcision for salvation, he would be obligated to practice all of the ceremonial commands of Moses' law. Did the Judaizers contend for this position? They did not. (c) If one attempts to justify himself by circumcision, he is severed from Christ and fallen from the realm of grace (Heb. 12:15). Could one be saved in such a condition? Of course not. (It is absolutely amazing to hear the obfuscation (confusion) to which Calvinists resort in attempting to avoid the clear sense of this text.)

By means of the Spirit's revelation, combined with our active faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness (v.5).

For those who are in Christ, circumcision must not be a matter of redemptive concern. What is important is: (a) one's faith, (b) the working of that faith (not merely a mental disposition), and (c) the motivation behind the faith, love (v.6). Following their conversion, the Galatian Christians had been running well. Along the way, however, someone hindered them. From what? "Obeying the truth." Faith must be translated into obedience. The culprits were the Judaizers. And their persuasion was not divinely oriented (v.8). The apostle does not mean to imply that the whole church is corrupt; there was, though, that toxic minority (the little leaven) that threatened to contaminate them all---if left unchecked (Mt. 16:6; 1 Cor. 5:6).

Nonetheless, Paul expressed confidence in these brothers regarding their spiritual future; moreover, the detractors and the chief agitator would receive the judgment they deserved (v.10). The faction leaders likely spread the rumor that Paul supported their position, or else he was inconsistent in practice, in that he had Timothy circumcised (v.11; Acts 16:3). He counters with: "If your charge is true, why am I being persecuted by the Jews?" Then, with a very strong hyperbolic imprecation, God's inspired spokesman declared, if one may slightly paraphrase: "If these false teachers must exult in circumcision, may they go even further and mutilate themselves" (v.12). An emasculated man could not propagate; may these false teachers become impotent! Corruption sometimes demands strong language.

(Gal. 5:13-15) The abuse of freedom: The Christians calling is from the slavery of sin to the freedom of redemption. It is unfortunate, however, that some use freedom as a license for indulging themselves in sin (1 Pet. 2:16). This is wrong. Motivated by love, Christians should serve one another in the loftiest interest of good. As for those who gloried in law keeping as a means of justification, he wanted them to know that they did not even understand the purpose of the law. The underlying essence of it is this: love your neighbor. That takes care of the many legal ordinances prohibiting murder, theft, adultery, etc. (v.14; Mt. 22:34-40). Those who do not understand and live by this moral principle ultimately will cannibalize one another (v.15).

(Gal. 5:16-26) Flesh versus spirit: In this concluding section, there is a great gulf that separates those who live by the brute impulses of the flesh from those who pursue the instruction of the Spirit of God as revealed in Scripture. "Spirit" does not suggest some supernatural force that leads the Christian and protects him from temptation---independent of his own willpower. "Walk" is a figure of speech for the whole sphere of one's existence, and it suggests a consistent mode of living. Fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, though popular in a hedonistic society, is spiritual suicide. Carnal impulses can get a death grip on a person, preventing him from following his nobler interests (v.17; Rom. 7:18). (The rendition of "flesh" as "sinful nature" is more interpretation than translation. It leads itself to the Calvinistic theory of heredity depravity---for which there is no biblical basis. There is a sense, however, in which sin becomes second nature to those who habitually indulge it (Eph. 2:3). Disciples who follow the Spirit's inspired instructions are not in the same category as those who feel they can justify themselves by perfect law-keeping, and so are not subject to the penalty of law-breaking (v.8).

Paul now catalogues the "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21); fifteen specific sins are listed as representative of others. Some terms may slightly overlap. (a) Fornication is generic for all forms of illicit sexual intercourse, including incest and homosexuality. (b) Uncleanness can denote religious corruption (Mt. 23:27) or moral contamination via such avenues as pornography. (c) Lasciviousness also carries sexual overtones and may suggest public indecency. (d) Idolatry is the worship of false gods. (e) Sorcery originally referred to the use of drugs to enhance sensation in connection with false worship. (f) Enmities are hostilities toward others. (g) Strife reflects the contentious disposition. (h) Jealousies and resentments toward others for what they have. (i) Wraths refers to explosive exhibitions of anger. (j) Factions are cliques that promote ambition. (k) Divisions could involve both church splits over inconsequential issues and personality-oriented clashes that are divisive. (l) Parties are segmented groups that promote heresy. (m) Envying hints of desires to deprive others of their possessions. (n) Drunkenness is the alteration (elevated sensation) of one's normal state of mind by the use of intoxicants (or recreational drugs). (o) Revellings are the results of drunkenness, boisterous parties with wild conduct. (p) Such like covers other fleshly indulgences not specified above. Those who yield to these impulses and practice such, with no contrition or attempt to change their conduct, shall not inherit the (final phase) of the kingdom of God, heaven (v.19-21).

The fruit of the Spirit stands in opposition to the previous list of negatives. Nine varieties of the fruit are mentioned. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

The final expression, against such there is no law, is a strong figure of speech, and understatement that supplies emphasis to the importance of this list of virtues.

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